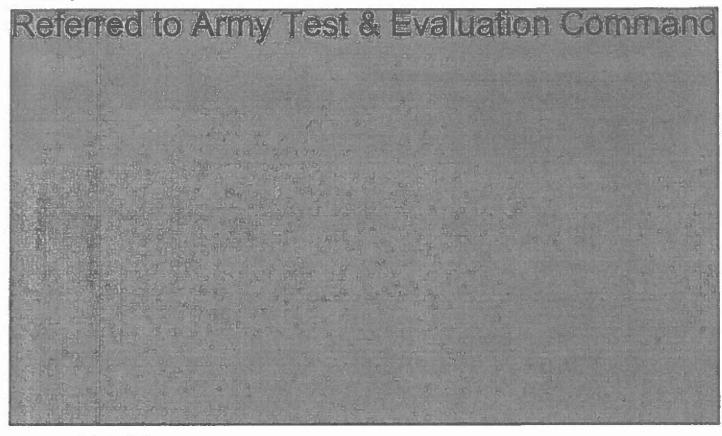
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the answer is that OTSG is requesting that the Defense Health Board provide the independent review.

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Joe, et. al: efforts are being taken, per request of the VA Under Secretary of Health (see attachment), to provide the VA with the HIPPA protected data for Service members who were potentially exposed to Sodium Dichromate at

Qarmat Ali.

We have been told by the DoD General Council that we can provide the VA with the data (once the Army provides it to us) for all those who were on active duty at the time of the potential exposures (including Guardsmen) and then were subsequently separated from active service (either temporarily or permanently). For other active duty personnel (Guard or Active component) who have not separated (I doubt there are many of these), we can only provide the VA with their data on a case-by-case basis if they sign a records release for their HIPPA-protected data.

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